GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Servants – Environment, Forests, Science & Technology Department – Case under Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 – Allegation of acquisition of assets disproportionate to the known sources of income against Sri P. Ramachandra Raju, Forest Range Officer, Narsipatnam, Visakhapatnam District – Prosecution sanctioned – Acquitted by the Judgement dated 06.06.2011 of Hon'ble Special Judge for ACB Cases, Visakhapatnam in C.C.No.112/2000 - Appeal against the Judgment is time-barred – Implementation of the Judgement – Orders – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (SEC.IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 136 **Dated: 28-11-2025**

1)From the Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, A.P., Hyderabad, Letter Rc.No.88/RCA-WVP/95-S11, dated 06.04.2000.
2)Proceedings Ref.No.49672/95/P4, dated 27.09.2000 of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P., Hyderabad.
3)G.O.Ms.No.77, Environment, Forests, Science & Technology (For.IV) Department, dated 23.06.2000.
4)G.O.Ms.No.32, Environment, Forests, Science & Technology (For.IV) Department, dated 08.03.2006.
5)From the Hon'ble Court of Special Judge for ACB Cases, Visakhapatnam, Judgement dated 06.06.2011 in C.C.No.112/2000.
6)From the Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, A.P., Hyderabad, Letter No.88/RCA-WVP/1995, S11, dated 19.03.2012, 14.09.2012, 02.11.2012 and 08.01.2013.
7)Govt. Memo.No.7656/For.IV/A1/2007, Environment, Forests, Science & Technology (For.IV) Department, dated 31.01.2013.
8)Govt. Memo.No.7656/For.IV/A1/2007, Environment, Forests, Science & Technology (Sec.IV) Department, dated 19.02.2016, 08.12.2016, 08.12.2021 and 27.06.2024.
9)From the Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, A.P., Vijayawada, Letter Rc.No.88/RCA-WVP/1995-S.11, dated 02.09.2025.

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ORDER:

Whereas, it has been brought to the notice of the Government that, a Disproportionate Assets case was registered by the Anti-Corruption Bureau authorities under the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 against Sri P.Ramachandra Raju, Forest Range Officer, Narsipatnam, Visakhapatnam District, as he had acquired assets disproportionate to the known sources of his legal income.

2. And whereas, in the Final Report 1st read above, the Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, A.P., Hyderabad has made the following recommendations:

i) The Accused Officer is found to be in possession of assets disproportionate to the known sources of his income to a tune of Rs.11,10,306=00. Hence, it is recommended that he may be prosecuted in a court of law for the offence U/sec. 13(2) read with 13 (1)(e) of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988.

ii) Since the Accused Officer did not intimate the competent authority about the acquisition and disposal of noted assets, he may dealt with departmentally for violating Rule 9 of the A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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3. In the reference 2nd read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P., Hyderabad has issued orders placing the Accused Officer Sri P. Ramachandra Raju, Forest Range Officer, Narsipatnam, Visakhapatnam District under suspension under Sub-Rule (1) of Rule-8 of A.P.Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991. Subsequently, the Accused Officer was retired from Government service on attaining the age of superannuation on 30.11.2001.

4. In the G.O. 3rd read above, orders have been issued according sanction for prosecution of Accused Officer Sri P. Ramachandra Raju, Forest Range Officer, Narsipatnam, Visakhapatnam District in a Court of Law for the offences punishable under sub section (2) of section 13 read with clause (e) of sub section (1) of section 13 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Central Act 49 of 1988).

5. The departmental action initiated against Sri P. Ramachandra Raju, Forest Range Officer, Narsipatnam, Visakhapatnam District has been concluded by the Government by awarding a penalty of "Withholding of entire pension and gratuity on permanent basis", under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980, vide G.O. 4th read above, as he was retired from Government service on attaining the age of superannuation on 30.11.2001.

6. In the reference 5th read above, the Hon'ble Court of Special Judge for ACB Cases, Visakhapatnam in its Judgement dated 06.06.2011 in C.C.No.112/2000 held that:-

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> *In the result, the accused is found not guilty of the charge under sec. 13(2) r/w sec. 13(1)(e) of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 and accordingly acquitted under sec.248(1) Cr.P.C. His bail bonds, if any, shall stand cancelled. MO-1 Video Cassette shall be returned to accused, after expiry of appeal time".*

7. In the reference 6th read above, the Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, A.P., Hyderabad has informed that, the Bureau is of the opinion that it is a fit case to file criminal appeal in the Hon'ble High Court of A.P., against the acquittal Judgment of the Lower Court against Accused Officer Sri P. Ramachandra Raju, Forest Range Officer, Narsipatnam, Visakhapatnam District; and requested to communicate the orders permitting the Bureau to file Criminal Appeal in the Hon'ble High Court of A.P., against the Accused Officer, at an early date.

8. In the Govt. Memo., 7th read above, orders were issued permitting the Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, A.P., Hyderabad to file Criminal Appeal in the Hon'ble High Court of A.P., in the said case and report compliance.

9. In the reference 9th read above, the Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, A.P., Vijayawada has informed that no Appeal was filed against the acquittal of Sri P. Ramachandra Raju, Forest Range Officer, Narsipatnam in C.C.No.112/2000 of III Addl. District and Sessions Judge cum-Special Judge for ACB Cases, Visakhapatnam; and no further action can be taken as appeal is time-barred. Hence, the decision of Trial Court has become final, as appeal could not be filed within permitted time. Further, he has stated that, Sri P. Ramachandra Raju died on 17.10.2017 and requested to communicate the Government orders against Sri P.Ramachandra Raju, Forest Range Officer, Narsipatnam in C.C.No.112/2000 of III Addl.District and Sessions Judge cum-Special Judge for ACB Cases, Visakhapatnam.

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10. After careful examination of the matter, Government have decided and hereby order to implement the Judgement, dated 06.06.2011 of Hon'ble Special Judge for ACB Cases, Visakhapatnam in C.C.No.112/2000 in respect of Disproportionate Assets case registered against Sri P.Ramachandra Raju, Forest Range Officer, formerly worked at Narsipatnam, Visakhapatnam District (Retired on 30.11.2001 and subsequently expired on 17.10.2017) in prosecution case, since the Anti-Corruption Bureau reported that, the appeal against the aforesaid Judgement is time-barred.

11. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, A.P., Mangalagiri shall take necessary further action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

KANTILAL DANDE
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Legal Heirs of Late (Sri) P. Ramachandra Raju, Forest Range Officer, formerly worked at Narsipatnam, Visakhapatnam District **through** the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, A.P., Mangalagiri.
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, A.P., Mangalagiri.

Copy to:

The Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, A.P., Vijayawada.
The Secretary to A.P. Vigilance Commission, A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi.
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SECTION OFFICER